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TAGS: PINT, RP

SUBJECT: JESUIT LETTER TO MARCOS CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION
OF ELECTORAL FRAUD

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT MARCOS DATED APRIL 16 SIGNED BY 75 FILIPINO JESUIT CLERGY. JESUITS CALL ON MARCOS TO CREATE INDEPENDENT BODY TO INVESTIGATE WIDESPREAD ELECTION IRREGULARITIES IN MANILA AND TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST THOSE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH APRIL 9 PROTEST DEMONSTRATION. REPORTS OF LETTER HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES BUT HAVE NOT APPEARED IN LOCAL PRESS. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MR. PRESIDENT: WE THE UNDERSIGNED FILIPINO CITIZENS ARE CONVINCED:
- 1. THAT WIDESPREAD IRREGULARITIES, SOME OF THEM VIOLATIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CHARACTERIZED THE LAST ELECTIONS IN THE METRO MANILA AREA;

- 2. THAT THE WIDESPREAD IRREGULARITIES SUBSTANTIALLY
AFFECTED THE OUTCOME OF THE LAST ELECTIONS IN THE METRO

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MANILA AREA;

- 3. THAT THEREFORE THE PROTEST MARCH HELD LAST APRIL 9, 1978, WAS A JUSTIFIABLE FORM OF PROTEST;

- 4. THAT THEREFORE THE MASS ARREST OF THE PROTESTORS
WAS VIOLATIVE OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

- 5. THAT THE POLITICAL CLIMATE NOW IS SUCH THAT THERE ARE NO EFFECTIVE LEGITIMATE AVENUES OF JUSTIFIABLE PROTEST AND THAT, FOR AS LONG AS THIS CLIMATE CONTINUES, RECURRENT DISTURBANCES WILL ENDANGER THE NATION AND THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.

- WE THEREFORE ASK, IN THE NAME OF THE HUMAN AND CHRISTIAN VALUES SACRED TO OUR NATION:

- 1. THAT YOU CREATE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION BODY, OTHER THAN THE COMELEC, WITH SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY TO LOOK INTO THE CONDUCT OF THE LAST ELECTIONS AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE ACTION;

- 2. THAT YOU OPEN UP EFFECTIVE LEGITIMATE AVENUES OF PROTEST;

- 3. THAT THE CHARGES AGAINST THOSE WHO WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE APRIL 9 PROTEST MARCH BE DROPPED.

- WE HAVE WRITTEN THIS LETTER IN OUR OWN NAME AND IN THE NAME OF THE MANY VOICELESS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM THESE INJUSTICES, AND WE OFFER IT IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUE RECONCILIATION AMONG OUR PEOPLE.

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